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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1        1. (Previously presented) An audio player comprising:  
2            an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear, the  
3     ear module comprising:  
4            a speaker;  
5            a memory for storing digitized audio; and  
6            a player coupled to the speaker, battery and memory that  
7        provides audio signals to the speaker based on the digitized  
8        audio.

1        2. (Previously presented) The audio player of claim 1  
2        wherein the ear module comprises a device selected from the group  
3        consisting of an in the canal device, a completely in the canal  
4        device, and an in the ear device.

1        3. (Original) The audio player of claim 1 wherein the ear  
2        module comprises an ear bud having an ear clip.

1        4. (Previously presented) An audio player system  
2        comprising:  
3            an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear; and  
4            a hub supported by the ear module that provides audio signals  
5        to the ear module based on stored digitized audio signals.

1        5. (Original) The audio player of claim 4 wherein the ear  
2        module comprises a speaker, and wherein the hub comprises a

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3 controller that converts the stored digitized audio signals to signals  
4 useable by the speaker.

1       6. (Original) The audio player of claim 4 wherein the stored  
2 digitized audio signals comprise signals in a format selected from  
3 the group consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3  
4 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF  
5 (Active Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF  
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF  
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument  
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)  
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),  
10 or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1       7. (Original) The audio player of claim 4, wherein the hub  
2 comprises connectors for supporting and communicating with  
3 peripheral devices.

1       8. (Original) The audio player of claim 7 and further  
2 comprising a peripheral device coupled to the hub.

1       9. (Previously presented) An audio player system  
2 comprising:  
3       an ear module formed to be entirely supported by an ear;  
4       a hub supported by the ear module that provides audio signals  
5 to the ear module based on stored digitized audio signals;  
6       a peripheral device supported by the hub.

1       10. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the  
2 peripheral device is electrically coupled to the hub and is selected  
3 from the group consisting of a solar collector, battery, memory, RF

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4 receiver, RF transmitter, RF transceiver, data connector, memory  
5 carrier, ROM music release, display device, and control device.

1        11. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the hub  
2 comprises a player capable of playing signals in a format selected  
3 from the group consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group  
4 Layer-3 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio),  
5 ASF (Active Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file),  
6 AIF (Auxiliary Information Tile), ASX (Active Streaming XML),  
7 ASF (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical  
8 Instrument Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND  
9 (Sound file) WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio  
10 Executable), or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1        12. (Original) The audio player of claim 9 wherein the  
2 peripheral device is formed to appear as jewelry.

1        13. (Original) The audio player of claim 12 wherein a musical  
2 band records music on peripheral devices formed to appear as a line  
3 of jewelry.

1        14. (Previously presented) A peripheral device for an ear  
2 supported digitized audio player, the peripheral device comprising:  
3            a connector adapted to connect to the audio player in a  
4 suspended relationship from the audio player; and  
5            a memory coupled to the connector that stores digitized audio;  
6 the memory being suspended from the connector to suspend the  
7 memory from the audio player.

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1        15. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 14 wherein the  
2 digitized audio is stored in a format selected from the group  
3 consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio),  
4 RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active  
5 Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF  
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF  
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument  
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)  
9 WAV (Windows Audio Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable),  
10 or WM (Windows Media) signals.

1        16. (Previously presented) A peripheral device for an ear  
2 supported digitized audio player, the peripheral device comprising:  
3              a connector adapted to connect to the audio player in a  
4 suspended relationship from the audio player;  
5              a memory coupled to the connector that stores digitized audio,  
6 the memory being suspended from the connector to suspend the  
7 memory from the audio player; and  
8              a decorative enclosure for the memory.

1        17. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 16 wherein the  
2 digitized audio is stored in a format selected from the group  
3 consisting of MP3 (Moving Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio),  
4 RA (RealAudio), WMA (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active  
5 Streaming Format), AU (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF  
6 (Auxiliary Information File), ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF  
7 (Active Streaming Format (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument  
8 Digital Interface), RMI (Real Music Interface), SND (Sound file)  
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1        18. (Currently Amended) A method of packaging music  
2 comprising:

3            obtaining music in a digital format;  
4            storing such digital format signals on a memory device;  
5            encapsulating the memory device in a decorative enclosure;  
6 and  
7            suspending the memory device from a digitized audio player  
8 entirely supported by an ear of a user of the player.

1        19. (Original) The method of packaging music of claim 18  
2 wherein decorative enclosures for a selected recording group are  
3 similar.

20. (Cancelled)

1        21. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the digital  
2 format is selected from the group consisting of MP3 (Moving  
3 Picture Experts Group Layer-3 Audio), RA (RealAudio), WMA  
4 (Windows Media Audio), ASF (Active Streaming Format), AU  
5 (Audio file), AUD (Audio file), AIF (Auxiliary Information File),  
6 ASX (Active Streaming XML), ASF 20 (Active Streaming Format  
7 (Microsoft)), MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface), RMI  
8 (Real Music Interface), SMD (Sound file) WAV (Windows Audio  
9 Volume) WAX (Windows Audio Executable), or WM (Windows  
10 Media) signals.

1        22. (Previously presented) The audio player of claim 1  
2 wherein the ear module is free of any other structure providing  
3 support on the body of a user when supported on the ear.

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1        23. (Previously presented) The audio player of claim 1  
2 wherein a portion of the ear module is inserted into the ear when  
3 supported on the ear.

1        24. (Previously presented) The audio player of claim 1  
2 wherein the ear module fits substantially entirely within the ear of  
3 the user when supported on the ear.